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WASHINGTON, D.C., March 13 --- The ranking Republican member of the Senate Public Works Disaster Relief Subcommittee said today he knows the Administration has been thoroughly examining existing relief programs" and indicated that he expects it to submit "constructive proposals of action" to the subcommittee. U.S. Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kans.) also said he was confident that the subcommittee would make recommendations for disaster relief program improvements this year.

Dole said he welcomed the proposals announced today by Subcommittee chairman Birch Bayh (D-Ind.). Commenting on the proposed legislation which would provide a program of assistance to victims of major disasters, Dole said, "Sen. Bayh's proposals, which incorporate a number of the problems explored by the subcommittee during its hearings earlier this year following Hurricane Camille, make up a comprehensive package."

"I hope very much," Dole said, "that when the Federal agencies come before our Disaster Relief Subcommittee, perhaps next month, that combining our efforts, we will be able to work out the most constructive, permanent legislation possible."

"All of us appreciate the hardship and suffering brought by natural disasters, and I believe the people of the country expect a Federal response that is prompt, effective and fair."